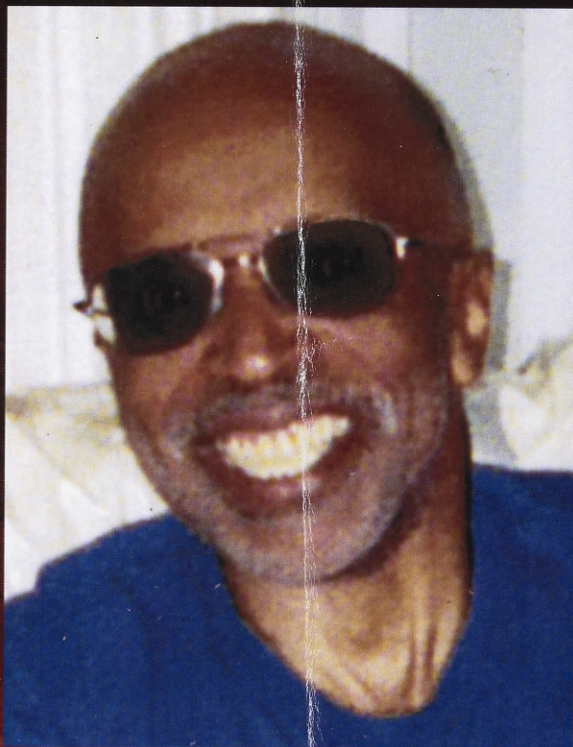


In Loving Memory of



Alvin Lucas

Sunrise: March 18, 1948 Sunset: October 3, 2011

Service

Wednesday October 12, 2011 at 11am

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church

831 South 43rd Street Richmond, CA 94804

Dr. James Ray Spearman, Pastor

Rev. Eric Morris, Officiating Minister

Obituary

Alvin Lucas was born in San Francisco, California to the union of Fred Douglas Lucas and Lee Ester (Bouchum) Lucas. He was the third and final child. His first home was the Seaport projects located in Richmond, California, which at that time served as the home place for many Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church members.

Alvin was a unique person from the very beginning. At approximately 8 months of age he wean himself from the bottle. He noticed that he was the only family member drinking from that funny looking contraption and thereafter refused to drink from it. At five years of age he removed the training wheels from his bike and immediately rode on two wheels. At approximately 9 years he began working part-time in the butcher market at Pico Store/Sam Market. There he kept the work and display areas clean and assistant in making pork sausages. Alvin held various jobs throughout his youth.

Alvin's education began at home and continued at the Church and public schools. He and his two brothers were required to attend and participate in all children programs at the church. Alvin received the religious teachings and he accepted Christ and united with Pilgrim Rest when he was approximately 8 years of age. He continued to worship and participate at Pilgrim Rest until his father Rev. Fred D. Lucas was called to assist in setting up a new church in Oakland. Like most kids his age who lived in the Eastshore Park Neighborhood he attended Stege Elementary, Granada Junior High and El Cerrito High Schools. Alvin was an excellent student. While at El Cerrito High he began a fruitful track career. He ran the low and high hurdles and on various legs on the 440 yards and 880 yards relay. After graduating from El Cerrito High he attended Contra Costa where he continued both his academics and sports. A California magazine ranked him as one of the states best track athletes. He dropped track when one of his coaches asked him to forgo a class to practice more. Although Alvin dropped competitive running he continue run for nearly 40 years.

After leaving Contra Costa College Alvin attended Chapman College, Cal State L.A. and Cal State Fullerton. He subsequently earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. He worked for numerous employers and held various jobs while seeking and subsequent receiving his degree. The partial list includes: the State of California (Computer operator), U.S. Steel, Standard Oil (lab technicians), Amtrak (Ticket agent) and the U.S. Postal Service. He worked 15+ years with the latter, where he was forced to retired as result of his illness.

Alvin has three children who were approximately 10 years apart in age. He dearly loved them all. He leaves behind two daughters - Tanya Lucas of Ontario, Ca. and Keana Lucas of Richmond, CA., One son- Ahmad Lucas of Inglewood, CA; four grandchildren - Imani, Ahmad, Nasir and Akilah Lucas all of Inglewood, Ca.; two brothers - Early Lucas of Oakland, Ca. and Lavert Lucas of Las Vegas, NV, Two Aunts - Myrtle Morrow of Houston, TX and Emma Bouchum of Dallas, TX., Two Uncles - Robert Bouchum of Longview, TX and C.K. Morrow of Houston, TX, Two nieces - Christine Lucas of Oakland, CA and Leericka Lucas - Jones of Lehi, UT, and one nephew Aaron Lucas of Tracy, Ca. and a host of cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Scripture Reading
Pulpit

Prayer of Comfort
Pulpit

Selection Steal Away
Pilgrim Rest Choir

Expressions
(Limit 2 minutes per person)
Family Members
Friends

Selection

Obituary
Clerk

Resolutions

Selection

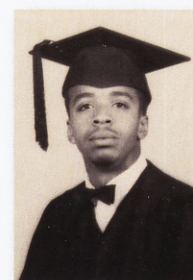
Eulogy
Rev. Eric Morris

Viewing

Recessional

Pallbearers
Buford Ervin, James Lincoln
Albert Walthall, Hershel Walthall
Michael Willis, Lewis Wright

Honorary Pallbearers
Marion B. Anderson, Eric Avery
Lance Avery, Carl Ray Harris
Charles Holland Sr.,
Charles Holland Jr., Aaron Lucas
Carrie Pearson, Larry Smith,
Kobee Sullivan, Clarence Taylor



If

*If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;*

*If you can dream - and not make
dreams your master;*

*If you can think - and not make
thoughts your aim;*

*If you can meet with triumph and disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn out tools;*

*If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breath a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on";*

*If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings - nor lose the common touch;
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run -
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And - which is more - you'll be a Man my son!*

by Rudyard Kipling



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May God's blessing continue to extend to you and your families.